

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application of: Jeffrey A. Simyon	Group No.: 2623
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For: Apparatus and Method for Distributed Control of Media Dissemination	Examiner: GRAHAM, PAUL J.

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STATEMENT OF SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW

HONORABLE SIR:

Responsive to the Interview Summary filed by Examiner on March 7, 2008,
Applicant files the following Statement of Substance of the Interview.

Remarks

Interview Summary

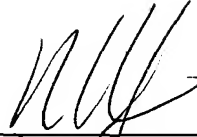
Applicant thanks the examiner for a courteous and useful interview. The interview focused on the last limitation of the first claim pending,

“said control processor being further configured to generate a control instruction command and to control transmissions made by said at least one uplink by sending to said at least one uplink said control instruction command through said computer network.”

Other potential points of disagreement regarding whether the prior art rendered other claim limitations obvious were deferred and attention was concentrated on this last limitation.

The prior art teachings most relevant to this claim limitation were identified by the examiners as Figure 4 in the Willis reference, U.S. 6,584,082, and the accompanying text. Specifically, it was queried, without resolution during the interview, whether or not any connection between stream gateway 410 and uplink gateways 460 or 470 would be via a computer network as claimed. It was agreed that both the examiner and applicant would review the Willis reference in this regard and that a formal office action response would be filed thereafter. It was further agreed that if Willis fails to disclose a computer network connection between gateway 410 and uplinks 460 or 470, and that an obviousness rejection is next maintained with the inclusion of further prior art references, the next office action would be a non-final office action.

Respectfully submitted,



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